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For: ABSORBENT ARTICLE

**AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

November 8, 2002

Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Office Action dated August 9, 2002, Applicants respectfully submit the following amendments and remarks in connection with the above-identified application.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

**Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 3 line 19, with the following rewritten paragraph:**

--Fig. 13 is a sectional view, corresponding to Fig. 2 of the first embodiment, showing an absorbent article according to another embodiment of the present invention;--

**Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 3 line 21, with the following rewritten paragraph:**

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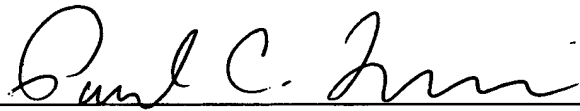
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